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ADDITIONAL LOCAL MATTERS

CITY IN BRIEF

Dale Snively is contemplating moving to Denver soon. The move is being delayed until August as a Carey guest yesterday.

Dr. J. S. Cummings of Bronson, Kan., is visiting in the city.

The widows of business houses are assuming a holiday appearance very rapidly.

There were more people on the streets yesterday than in any town of Wichita's size in the world.

Banker Harper of Conway Springs was in the city yesterday calling on friends and looking up business.

G. A. Talbot, prominent Conway Springs business man, was registered at the Manhattan yesterday.

George W. Gregory and Mrs. Addie Warner, both of Wichita, were granted a license to wed yesterday.

Miss Hattie Sewell of Chicago, Mo., arrived Thursday evening on a visit to her sister, Mrs. H. M. Dubois.

E. E. Enoch went to Mt. Hope last night on the exalted principles of the Woodmen of the World.

Ex-postmaster J. D. Jewett, accompanied by the Municipal League delegation to Leavenworth this week.

W. H. Payne and Miss Emma Gilbert, both of Wichita, were licensed to wed yesterday. They are 25 and 15 respectively.

George P. Locke has returned from Topeka, where he has been hobnobbing with the other big bosses of the double-headed party.

An incubator that was hatching out chickens before the market eye was one of the interesting attractions at the poultry show yesterday.

Mrs. E. S. Tucker and little daughter Mildred of Lawrence are visiting her father, Mr. W. S. Layden, and her sister, Mrs. S. L. Heller.

Miss Rhea Woodman contemplates spending the winter at the State university to take a special course in Shakespearean literature.

Jake Martin attended the Knights of Pythias lodge festivities before last, and some absent-minded brother got into the wrong overcoat. It was Jake's.

Colonel Hughes of Topeka was in the city yesterday attending the chicken show. He had the black poult on exhibition and their coops were bountifully supplied with blue ribbons.

Luther Burns was unfortunate enough to lose his bicycle yesterday, and his trousers guard can fittingly hang on a nail decorated with grape. He left it standing before a gun store and when he returned it was gone.

It is rumored that W. P. Campbell is being secretly talked in to prohibition circles as a possible candidate for governor two years hence. It is a long way ahead to look but then it is not half so long as Bryan is looking.

The ladies of Columbia lodge No. 3 are arranging for a grand special party to be given in Zeigler hall on New Year's eve. They are leaving nothing undone to make it a swell affair. As usual it is to be the German event of the winter.

C. M. Irwin has returned from Perry, O. T., where he spoke before the agricultural convention upon the subject of swine breeding. He reports a fine meeting and one in which something was accomplished, representatives being present from Texas as well as Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

The services at the First M. E. church next Sabbath will be especially dedicated to old folks. The mercy and help committee of the Epworth league will furnish carriages and convey the old people from their homes to the church and return. A sermon fitting the occasion will be delivered by the pastor, Dr. Stutz, and following the sermon an old-fashioned class meeting will be held. The committee on transportation will be glad to have the name and residence of any who may desire to attend who are unable to walk or have no means of reaching the church.

COMING LOCAL EVENTS

Regular meeting of Wichita Council No. 39, U. C. T., tonight. All members are requested to be present. P. M. Anderson, secretary.

The Unitarian Society holds services on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at Music hall, Sedgewick building, W. G. Todd, pastor. Subject for next Sunday's discourse, "Nothing but Leaves." Sunday school at 12:35.

NEW COMPANY ORGANIZED

Theatrical Company Organized Here Along Professional Lines

Wichita is not only headquarters of a circus, but is the headquarters of a professional comedy company as well. It was organized by a few of the city's most prominent comedians, and will start on the road within a week, thoroughly equipped with their own car, their own band and their own scenery. They have not organized the company from local talent and there need be no fears that they will steal away any local beauties. On the contrary, they have sent out for twenty artists all of whom will be here inside of two or three days. In the winter time they will present themselves to the good people all over the United States as candidates for public patronage and during the summer they will rest in the fairest city of the west. They will start out with a grand pantomime extravaganza and from there they will go to Fredonia, Joplin, Carthage, etc. Mr. Armer is the gentleman who fitted out George Moid for his trip of silent circumnavigation of the globe a year ago and is also the gentleman who did that wonderful leaping for the Colorado Club minstrels when they showed here. Mr. Logan is also an experienced theatrical man.

Both gentlemen have a great many friends here who hope their new enterprise will be a success.

IS A GOOD SHOT

Miss Maud Burroughs is a young lady who some day will be appearing among the crack pigeon shots of this locality and stowing them away in the ice chest to cool in a manner which will be somewhat surprising to some of them at least. Quite frequently she goes out into the country for an afternoon's shooting and returns with as many rabbits and birds as any of them. She is a remarkably good wing shot and can bring down her bird nearly every time when having anything like a chance.

Yesterday, in company with a friend, she went out, and after procuring several prizes made one of the most peculiar shots ever heard of. She was seated in a buggy with a bunch of ducks came sweeping along apparently wholly unconscious of any danger whatsoever. Her companion was a short distance away, and called to her to try a shot at the flying ducks. She fired, but for some

reason none fell and as no second shot was heard, her companion hastened to the buggy to see if there was not something wrong, and found that the charge had winged the rig, so to speak. The fellow between two of the spokes in the rear wheel, was entirely carried away, and the buggy at least was crippled whether any birds were or not.

The affair was purely an accident. She had drawn back the hammer to fire, but touched the trigger in raising the gun to her shoulder, causing it to discharge. It is seldom that anyone hears of anyone winging a buggy, but here is one case at least. Miss Maud thoroughly understands how to handle a gun, but funny accidents will occur sometimes.

UNITY CLUB ORGANIZED

They Will Now Have a Congress to Suit Themselves.

The Unity club last night effected a permanent organization with the election of W. C. Atchison as president.

The club then completed its organization as follows: Vice-President, L. A. Bone; Secretary, Miss Maud Matthews; Treasurer, Miss Maud Matthews; and a large number of members.

There was a good attendance at the meeting and quite a little enthusiasm was manifested. The club will be an entirely non-denominational one and will aim to draw its membership from among the representative young people all over the city.

The club contemplates resolving itself into a mock congress for this winter's work, and has adopted the committee's recommendation of the following outline of work:

1. Provide twenty or more members of the Unity club are ready to serve as members of either branch of a state legislature, or national congress—the choice of which one to be determined by the club, then it is hereby recommended that such an imitation house or senate, for legislative practice, be immediately formed as follows: Let each of the members of the Unity club proposing to act as a member of the imitation house or senate select the county, district or state which he will represent, and appear at the next meeting of the club with his certificate of election, prepared to organize a legislative body in accordance with the constitution that prevails in the United States.

Let one member from some one of the experience what this custom is in the special legislative body to be formed, learning what kind of a certificate he will need, and if any is needed at all, by whom this certificate should be signed; what the proper form of his induction into office, etc., that the legislative body may be formed in a legal manner.

It was decided that the next meeting of the club be devoted to a consideration of the Cuban question as it concerns the people of the United States. The club will probably at that time also formally organize its mock congress. The Congressional Record will be regularly read by all the members and an effort will be made to take up each week the principal work done in congress during the preceding week.

MUSIC AND DRAMA

CAPTAIN JACK CRAWFORD.

Already calls are being made for reserved seats by parties who can not wait until the opening of the seat sale which will be Monday morning. Captain Jack Crawford is known all over the United States and has warm friends wherever he goes. He is a son of a Veteran, member of the W. A. R., and an honorary member of the W. A. R. and a member of the national encampment. The following is one of his many original poems:

SUNSHINE.

I never like to see a man a-rastlin' with the dums, 'Cause in the game of life he doesn't always catch the trumps.

But I like to see a man to a free and easy cuss, 'Cause he's got a chance to win the prize.

As takes his own 'n' thanks the Lord it ain't his own, 'Cause he's got a chance to win the prize.

There ain't no use a-killin' and swearin' at your lack, 'Cause he's got a chance to win the prize.

You can't draw the trouble any more'n you can draw a duck, 'Cause he's got a chance to win the prize.

Remember when beneath your load you're down, 'Cause he's got a chance to win the prize.

That God'll sprinkle sunshine in the trail of every clown, 'Cause he's got a chance to win the prize.

If you're a fellow-man with trouble's flag unfurled, 'Cause he's got a chance to win the prize.

And lookin' like he didn't have a friend in the world, 'Cause he's got a chance to win the prize.

Go up an' slap him on the back and holler 'How do you do?' 'Cause he's got a chance to win the prize.

And give him a warm he'll know he's got a friend in the world, 'Cause he's got a chance to win the prize.

Then ask him what's a-hurtin' him and laugh at his own yams, 'Cause he's got a chance to win the prize.

And tell him that the darkest night is just before the dawn, 'Cause he's got a chance to win the prize.

Don't care if you're a palaver, but say it right out loud, 'Cause he's got a chance to win the prize.

That God'll sprinkle sunshine in the trail of every clown, 'Cause he's got a chance to win the prize.

This world at best is but a hash of pleasure and pain, 'Cause he's got a chance to win the prize.

Some days are bright and sunny, and some are all a-dashed with rain, 'Cause he's got a chance to win the prize.

We'll know just how to prelate the bright an' smilin' days, 'Cause he's got a chance to win the prize.

So let us live as it comes, an' don't sweat at the pore, 'Cause he's got a chance to win the prize.

Because the Lord's opinion doesn't coincide with your's, 'Cause he's got a chance to win the prize.

But always keep rememberin', when cars your path enshroud, 'Cause he's got a chance to win the prize.

That God'll sprinkle sunshine in the trail of every clown, 'Cause he's got a chance to win the prize.

—Captain Jack Crawford.

WOODMEN ELECT OFFICERS

Full Set of Officers Elected for That Organization.

Wichita Council No. 69, Modern Knights, held their regular meeting and election of officers last night, at the M. W. A. hall, corner Topeka and Douglas streets.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

W. C. V. S. Haycraft, V. S. C. M. Jones, J. C. Redfield, Cashier—H. J. Morris, Adviser—M. W. Dorsey, Sec.—M. E. Commons, Chaplain—M. W. Duckworth, R. S. M. Rameck, L. S.—F. V. Duckworth, Guide—George G. Smith, Sentinel—Wm. H. Whittem, Wicket—E. S. Thern, M. F. Hollingsworth.

The Council has a good corps of officers and expects to do good work the ensuing year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Royal Arch Masons Select Officers for the Year.

The following officers of Wichita chapter No. 33, R. A. M., were elected and installed by P. G. Y., J. H. McKee last evening:

M. E. H. P.—M. A. Carvill, E. H.—F. W. Sweet, E. S.—W. H. Harrison, Treasurer—W. S. Corbett, Secretary—F. J. Cossat, C. of H.—H. Rudolph, P. S.—C. M. Jones, J. C. Redfield, R. A. C.—T. G. Griffith, M. E. V.—J. M. Chain, M. T.—V. N. Steffen, M. T.—V. G. M. Whitney, G. J.—C. Redfield, Trustees—C. M. Jones, T. G. Fitch and C. W. Bittling.

JUST FLATTENS OUT

STOCK MARKET HAS RARELY BEEN SO UNINTERESTING.

Closing Showing Small Losses on Most Stocks—Venezuelan Boundary Joins the Cuban Rebellion as a Factor Making for Uncertainty and Caution—Reading Telegram Proceedings and the Claim for Cheaper Gas Affect the Properties Included in These Interests—Bradstreet's Review of the Week.

New York, Dec. 11.—The stock market has rarely been so flat and uninteresting for a full business session as it was today. The stock indicator was motionless for many minutes at a time, and the meagre dealings were purely professional and the business as usual.

The situation displayed a degree of lassitude that precluded any favorable influence upon prices from the increased government cotton crop estimate and the favorable report regarding the winter wheat outlook. Aside from the main restrictive effect of uncertainty at Washington on the Cuban and other

regarding the immediate development of the question, reports of the probable refusal of Venezuela to endorse the agreement proposed by the United States and Great Britain on the celebrated boundary question, were an incentive toward a somewhat more active attitude by the large security-holding interests. The abnormal ease in money and the more confident sentiment of investors as to the eventual favorable outcome, were, however, reflected in a notable broadening in the railway bond market, on a moderate volume of business, many bonds being dealt in that have long been dormant. On the other hand, the government account was on a light scale, but was mainly to sell, a condition which helped a reactionary tendency in the local market. The total price advance was negligible, with the main tendency toward a lower level. Some slight gains were made early, but were retained for only a brief period, as a raid on General Electric, processing in the steel market, induced sympathetic fractional concessions in the general list. Reading sold off about a point on the prospect of a controversy as to the legality of the steps taken under the reorganization of the capital, and the gas shares were again attacked in connection with the popular agitation for reduction in the price of the product. There was a slight uptick in the steel shares, however, and the dullness became more acute as the day progressed, while prices sagged steadily, through a narrow range. In the late dealings, Chicago, Cleveland, Cincinnati and St. Louis attracted attention by an advance of 1/4 per cent, entirely on covering. The closing was steady at trivial losses on most stocks.

The total sales of stocks today were 92,442 shares, including: American Sugar 6,000; Burlington 9,000; Chicago & North Western 10,000; General Electric 10,000; International Harvester 10,000; Western Union 10,000; Silver certificates 10,000.

The bond market displayed a broadening tendency, but that had been heretofore neglected for a long time coming into notice. Prices were irregular, but a firm undertone was noted, especially in investment grade securities. The Chicago market was steady, with prices ranging between 1 and 4 1/2 per cent and the declines from 1 to 3 per cent.

FOREIGN STOCK MARKET.

New York, Dec. 11.—The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: "The settlement having been satisfactorily concluded, the tone of the stock market today was good. The improvement was led by the recovery of shares which was due to recovery by bears. Home rails also rose sharply on hopes that the expected strike may be averted."

The American market was strong, with the London market being strong, though the Bank of England lent a considerable amount to the market for a week at 4 per cent. The Paris and Berlin markets were strong.

BRADSTREET'S REVIEW.

New York, Dec. 11.—Bradstreet's review of the stock market tomorrow will say:

"Congress having actually assembled, the speculative market has apparently lost much of its fear regarding the action of that body and its influence upon the financial situation. The professional Wall Street operator has taken a more positive position to sell last Monday on the appearance of the president's message, on the ground that the treatment on the Cuban question was not as conservative as had been expected and that the reference to trust organizations would encourage legislative attacks on the industries not only in congress, but in the state legislatures. The message, however, produced little or no liquidation of long stock, and the introduction as soon as congress got to work of a variety of resolutions in reference to Cuba had practically no effect. In fact, the street seemed to be under the influence of reports from Washington indicating that the present congress was unlikely to do any positive action of any kind in the short time that remains of its existence. Holders of stocks seemed unwilling to sell, and bearish manipulations simply increased the short interest in the market, and outside participation in the market, is, however, severely felt, and the transactions from day to day have been on a very limited scale, and were due in the main to the smaller operators of the board room itself. The strength of the better class of bonds and investment generally is a feature of the market, and is sharply drawn, so far as securities of the speculative character are concerned. At the same time a feeling exists in the market that the present session of congress will be a session of the investment demand after January 1, especially if congress shall fail to do anything calculated to disturb the situation, and if general business and railroad earnings should show decided improvement, will lead to a broadening of the market, with more or less of a revival in its activity. The naturally tends to restrict bearish operations, and attacks on particular stocks, though throughout the week the fluctuations have been generally narrow and devoid of particular significance, and for the greater part of the time the market has been in a waiting state. Europe has taken no part in the speculation here and the weaker corner of foreign exchange market has been without any significance on stocks."

LIVESTOCK MARKETS

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Trade reasonably good at the recent decline, commensurate with the decline in the market. Choice 100 lbs. steer \$14.00; good 100 lbs. steer \$13.50; prime calves \$10.00; Texas cattle at about the prices paid a week ago.

Hogs—Active at generally unchanged prices, except that some heavy packers were about 1/2 cent lower in some instances; sales at \$10.00; for common to prime with trading largely at \$12.00; for both hogs and pigs.

Sheep—Fairly active—interior \$2.00; good to choice \$3.00; range \$2.50; to prime \$2.00; 100 lbs. steer \$14.00; Texas cattle at about the prices paid a week ago.

Receipts—Cattle 5,000; hogs 27,000; sheep 7,000.

KANSAS CITY.

Kansas City, Dec. 11.—Cattle—Receipts 6,000; shipments 1,000. Butcher grades steady; others weak. Texas steer \$12.75; 100 lbs. steer \$12.50; native steers \$12.00; native cows \$11.50; native hogs \$11.00; native sheep \$10.50.

ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Dec. 11.—Cattle—Receipts 2,000; market steady to strong. Native shipping steers, \$12.50; dressed beef and butcher steers \$12.00; stockers and feeders \$11.50; hogs \$11.00; sheep \$10.50; Texas steers \$12.00; cows \$11.50; hogs \$11.00; sheep \$10.50.

Hogs—Receipts 6,000; markets and 10 cents lower. Lights \$2.00; mixed \$1.50; heavy \$1.00; steady. Muttons \$1.50; lambs \$1.00.

NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 11.—Cattle—Receipts 1,158. Steady but slow; steers \$14.00; hogs \$11.00; sheep \$10.50; Texas steers \$12.00; cows \$11.50; hogs \$11.00; sheep \$10.50.

Cables quote American steers at 10 1/2 cents; sheep \$8.00; hogs \$7.00; refrigerator beef 7 1/2 cents; exports tomorrow 1.04 beef; 4 1/2 sheep; 4 1/2 hogs; 4 1/2 lamb; receipts 4,344. Less active; closed slightly easier; sheep \$1.50; hogs \$1.00.

WICHITA MARKET.

Wichita, Dec. 11.

Cattle steady. CATTLE.

REPRESENTATIVE SALES.

Description. Wt. Price.

6 cows and heifers 1,200 \$12.00

1 heifer 200 \$10.00

HOGS.

Hogs 6 lower.

REPRESENTATIVE SALES.

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COMING NEXT YEAR

DEMAND WILL OPEN UP ALL ALONG THE LINE.

Meanwhile There is Little to Be Done But Wait, Besides Filling the Holiday Orders—Congress is Expected to Clear the Deck for Action, Until Which Time Business Waits to Know Exactly What to Count on—Metal Combs and the Lead They are Carrying—Business Failures—Bradstreet's.

New York, Dec. 11.—G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say:

The approach of the holidays and doubt about the action of congress put off further improvement until the new year. While industries have a good working force, they are waiting for commensurate gain in demand, and meanwhile are trying to clear away embarrassments which restrict them.

The wheat market has weakened with less bloomy news from other countries and large northwestern receipts, though only 2,916,300 bushels, against 6,000,401 last year. Disappointment about the break in prices may help to increase the receipts. Atlantic exports were but 2,755,651 bushels, flour included, and for the two weeks have been but 4,745,113 bushels, against 4,172,443 last year. Patents displayed show that exports continue very heavy and that about 300,000 tons more are available from California. The market has declined 1 1/2 cents and the decrease in the demand for flour, with higher rail rates, has closed nearly all the Superior-Duluth and many of the other northwestern mills.

Cotton has declined 3-16 cent and in view of all the factors that are working nearly all the cotton has been nearly marketed, it continues to come forward steadily.

The iron output for December was 142,288 tons, against 124,077 in November and 124,077 in October. Unsold stocks reported were 21,901 tons smaller than November 1, but these do not include stocks of the greater steel companies. The industry is for the time demoralized by the uncertainty regarding the great combinations. The formal withdrawal of the Bellair company broke the belief that the steel market was in a position to reconstruct it if possible. The beam-makers also meet this week to revise, if they can, their compact, and the steel rail works will meet shortly, with the prospect that the important concern will go out, and if the others are kept together prices will have to be materially reduced. The bar association scarcely pretends to control prices, which are slightly lower this week for steel, and the rupture of the nail association for the time left the bar price for wire nails about \$1.50 as Pittsburgh, with extra clearing on ordinary assortments, averaging 12 cents, against \$1.55 paid last week, with extras averaging 70 cents. Until the future influence of these combinations is clear, prices, which are trading must be expected, and Bessemer pig and gray forge are slightly lower. Minor metals are generally weaker, tin at 4.00, copper at 14 cents for lake, and lead at 42.50